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Title:	LOCKED NUCLEIC ACID HYBRIDS AND METHODS OF USE	Group Art Unit: 1636

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of three month(s) (from June 12, 2003 to September 12, 2003) within which to respond to the Office Action dated March 12, 2002. The requisite extension fee of \$930.00 is enclosed herewith.

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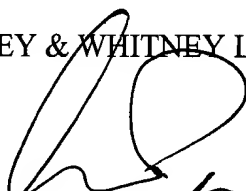
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Respectfully submitted,

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